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FOOD FOOD FOOD

Independence Day 1917 finds the United States fighting for the existence of those principles which distinguish her as a nation. She faces for the first time the prospect of sustaining an army of between one and two million men. Many problems naturally confront her leaders. Great as are the problems of equipping and training such a large number of men the food problem is as acute. We are in receipt of the following communication from Herbert Hoover appointed by the president to organize the country in the interest of thrift and conservation of food supplies. We publish it as our patriotic privilege.

The world is in want of food. The wheat crop of 1916 was short. The crop of 1917 will be shorter still while the demands of armies and the waste of war require enlarged consumption. Thus with increased need and diminished supply, the world stock of food has reached a point lower than was ever known before in modern times.

From Canada and the United States the allies are asking five hundred and fifty million bushels of wheat this year; yet unless special measures are taken the prospect is that both together will be able to give them only three hundred million. But if wise and sufficient measures are adopted, and then backed up by the patriotic good will of our people there will be food enough for ourselves and for our Allies as well.

The present excessive cost of food is not justified. There is no corresponding shortage of supply in America. Nevertheless, the situation is very serious. The duty is laid upon us to raise not only food enough for ourselves, but so much more to send abroad that in spite of the submarines enough may reach France and England to keep them supplied. Unless we can feed both our own peeople and the men who are fighting for us across the water. the great cause which we have joined will be lost.

To meet the needs of the war and of the world, we most produce generously, give freely to our Allies, ourselves eat as much but no more than we need, and especially save the waste. Lasting disgrace will fall upon us if lack of selfrestraint should prevent us from taking our proper part in this great conflict against the doctrine of "might makes right."

The waste in food amounts at least to fifty dollars a year for every family in America. The waste of a single ounce of food each day in every home means a yearly waste of nearly 500 million pounds of food. The waste of a single slice of bread each day in every home means the daily waste of a million loaves of bread. The thousand million dollars of needless waste which thus takes place yearly in the households of America can and should be stopped.

The ways of thrifty living are not new. In order to practice them we need do little more than return to the frugal habits of earlier days To purchase wisely; to lose nothing for lack of proper care; to serve no more than hunger demands; to serve again the unused portion; to preserve in time of plenty against the lean months ahead; to save wheat for France and England by eating more corn ourselves, because they do not bake at home, and corn bread is unknown; these are some of the means of helping to save the waste and win the war. I suggest them in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, to which, as well as to the County Agricultural Agents, the Home Demonstration Agents in the cities, and the State Agricultural College, inquiry may profitably be made for printed and written advice about saving food.

Will you join in the good work of saving more food for the women and children of Belgium, the orphans of France, the men in the trenches who are fighting our battles, and the people of the United States? I ask that you will preach on the conservation of Food on Sunday, July first, a day which I hope will become known as Food Saving Day. Make that day a notable one in the history of your church. To that end I suggest that you bring about cooperation with appropriate religious or civic bodies, and especially with the women of your own congregation.

The women of America have never failed to answer such a call as comes to them now. The saving of food is within their sphere . Without food conservation we cannot win the war. The woman who conserves the food supply of America and her Allies renders a high service to her country and to all humanity as well. In very truth, the outcome of the world war is in the hands of the women no less than in the hands of the men.

IMPORTANT DATES

If you are a member of the Official Board mark the FIRST MONDAY of each month in RED. This is the regular monthly meeting of the board No constructive work can be done unless we determine to be present at every meeting.

If you do not intend to do this, it is not fair play to hold office.

If you are a member of the FINANCE COMMITTEE set aside WEDNESDAY following the LAST SUNDAY of each month. These men do not need to be urged to come out. They come. Its a case of FISH or CUT BAIT on this board. These men deserve the compliments of everyone in the church.

It will soon be "Hip, hip, I had a good job but I left." The hay-foot, straw-foot contingent of Churchville will soon be in service.

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SERMON TOPICS—AUGUST

5—Jesus as a historic person.

12—Jesus as Preacher and Teacher.

19—Jesus as Healer and Wonder Worker.

26—Jesus as Friend.

Good Music—Practical Preaching—Friendly People.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS

AUGUST

2—Airy Castles, Esther 6:6
Speaker—A. E. Fuller

9—Christ and Christian, Service. Luke 22:27.
Speaker—Albert Welch.

16—A Serious Handicap, Mark 10:24.
Speaker—Frank Hayes.

23—Insanity of War, Matt. 26:52.
Herbert Titus

30—Forts and Trenches, Psa. 32:7
Mrs. Peter Case.

1, Be an on-timer; don't be late. A straggling presence is better than none, but it is always a poor presence.

2, Be a constant attendent.

3, Leave your grouch at home.

4, Expect GOD'S presence.

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The pastor will lead the meetings. Discussion will follow the presentation of each subject. The following program will be used:

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Address 20 Minutes

Open Meeting 20 Minutes

Social Fellowship 10 Minutes.

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HOME GUARD NOTES

At this writing the Home Guard Unit seems to have enough recruits for a skeleton company. Every day candidates are undergoing their physical examinations before Dr. Vail,it is to be hoped that all pass, but should the number accepted fall below requirements Churchville would not be able to have a complete company. Have you done your bit to guard against this? Every man should ask himself these questions, if he has not already enrolled: "Why am I not a member?" "What kind of a town would my town be if everyone in it were just like me?"

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Stand before your mirror and ask yourself these questions. If the glass stands the strain and if you are satisfied that you are not looking a slacker in the face then—Thank God, you are doing what is right. But if you feel a little something deep down in your middle that makes you feel like falling in a hole and pulling the hole in after you, cheer up, there's hope for you yet. Join the Home Guards and you will feel better.

Speaking of slackers. Billy Sunday says some men are so small that if they would get down on their knees they could kiss a rat.

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According to New York Law every able-bodied citizen is a member of the state militia. The governor may call you at any time whether you are a member of the Home Guard or Not.

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A trained man can work with less effort than an untrained one. Every one of us desires to do our best. Put yourself where you can get this training. Join the Home Guards NOW.

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The minister's wife making bread for the Saturday baking, all at once she gave a little exclamation of impatience, she had forgotten something and the bread wouldn't rise. That which had been forgotton was an insignificant little cake of yeast, but the lump ofinert, unambitious dough refused to do a thing without it.

"Why not put it in now?" asked the minister, who was hovering about the kitchen. The minister's wife gave him a look of pity. "Don't you know? she asked, "Some things have to be put in at the beginning."

"Oh they do, do they?" cried the minister, a very great thought suddenly shining in his face. "Oh they do? And they won't amount to anything without it? And its no use trying to put it in afterwards? Oh, but its more than bread-making we are talking about. Thank you, my dear. Its the Sunday School's business and parent's business and my business if we want religion in this church or any other church, to set right to work and try to put it in at the beginning."

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SOUL- WINNING

Study One.

Dan. 12:3. "And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Fred B— was a medical student. He was stricken with that dreaded scourge, tuberculosis. The physicians advised a trip to the mountians. During the first few months among the Rockies he improved rapidly, and hope and ambition flamed anew; but it was only a brief respite from suffering before the final collapse. Lying in a Denver hospital, he was visited by some consecrated young people, who sang and prayed with him. He yielded himself to Christ, and the peace of God filled his heart.

They brought him home to a little Iowa city to die. The day after his arrival the pastor was summoned to his bedside, when the young man related the circumstances of his conversion. The pastor said "Then you are not afraid to die?" "No, said he, not afraid, but not ready."

When asked why he was not ready he replied: "I have done nothing for my Master. I have won no souls for Him. Could I have six months more to live that I might bring some souls to Jesus, and thus not go into His presence empty-handed, I would be satisfied to die. I am not afraid to die, but not ready." Just then the door of the room opened and the dying boy's father, an old, white-haired man, who had been absent from home and had not seen his son since his return, came in. The old man was not a Christain. Then occurred a pathetic scene. The young man threw his arms about his father's neck, and drew him down upon his knees at the bedside, urged him to give himself to God, and then with shortening

breath, uttered such a prayer of intercession as is seldom heard. The old man sobbed aloud, yielded to Christ, declared his faith, and the dying boy had won one soul for the Master. In a few hours he had gone into the presence of the King; but not empty-handed.

O ye to whom God has given the strength and vigor of manhood and womanhood, who have pledged your allegiance to the Christ of Calvary, are you winning any souls for your Master? Or are you going into His presence empty-handed? What if in the judgement day it should be seen that some souls who might have been saved have been lost through your neglect? What if it shall then be seen that the crown of many stars which you might have won is given to another? And what if in the great day of His appearing you shall be found, having gathered no sheaves and empty-handed?

JUNIOR LEAGUE

How often we beg to be excused from taking our share of the responsibility in church work. "Oh, I never could do that," or "Why I never could get up there and do that, never did such a thing in my life" And because this is only too true, the church of our choice is greatly handicapped.

Methodism owes its place as the world's greatest spiritual democracy to the fact that its laity could speak in meetings. They did speak to, sinners heard and came to God. The lay preachers of Methodism were one of our greatest forces in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. They are yet.

When Methodists cannot conduct their own prayer services, when they cannot speak of the Grace of God in a prayer meeting of their friends and neighbors,—then Methodism is doomed.

Now is the time to guard against this condition. This is the aim of the Junior League;- to train young Methodists to speak and pray in public, to praise Him openly. Our league is growing every Sun. under the efficient and progressive leadership of the superintendent, Mrs. Peter Case, Mrs. Case being small herself, is peculiarly adapted for the handling of young folks. This appointment was presented to the June meeting of the Official Board by the pastor and confirmed, thus placing the entire church back of Mrs Case. We wish her success and urge every parent zealous for the future of our children and of the church we love, to give her the enthusiastic support she needs. If asked to assist at any service, do so gladly remembering "Of such is the Kingdom of God."

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